

## Let's Discuss It meeting October 26, 2013. Next meeting December 7, 2013.

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[http://www.komando.com/tips/index.aspx?id=15374&utm\\_medium=nl&utm\\_source=totd&utm\\_content=2013-10-10-article-1-end-b&page=3](http://www.komando.com/tips/index.aspx?id=15374&utm_medium=nl&utm_source=totd&utm_content=2013-10-10-article-1-end-b&page=3)

**Browsers:** definition: a software application primarily used for accessing resources on the world wide web:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Web\\_browser](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Web_browser)

The most popular browsers:

Internet Explorer

Chrome

Firefox

Opera

Safari

1. You don't have to use your computer's default browser. Internet Explorer (IE) is the default browser for Windows and Safari is the default browser for Apple computers. You can download another browser for free and you can use more than one browser at the same time.

2. All browsers basically work the same, but there are differences in speed, support and security. Firefox, Chrome and Opera are faster and more secure than Internet Explorer and they have more features than Safari.

3. You should keep your browser updated. Go to HELP/ABOUT, in your browser, to find which version of your browser you currently have. Go to the website for the browser to determine the latest version.

- Internet Explorer – Version 10 with 11 in beta test; Might be different version for Apple computers, and Windows XP can't run anything newer than version 8. <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/internet-explorer/download-ie-MCM>
- Chrome – latest version for Windows 7 is Version 30.0.1599.69 m; [https://www.google.com/intl/en/chrome/browser/?&brand=CHMB&utm\\_campaign=en&utm\\_source=en-ha-na-us-sk&utm\\_medium=ha](https://www.google.com/intl/en/chrome/browser/?&brand=CHMB&utm_campaign=en&utm_source=en-ha-na-us-sk&utm_medium=ha)
- Firefox – Version 24 for windows computers; <http://mozilla-firefox.todownload.com/?lp=adwords&tg=us&kw=Firefox%20download&mt=e&ad=30621336078&p=&ds=s&gclid=CMfTgsWyjLoCFY1DMgod4TQATw>
- Opera – Version 12 for windows systems: <http://www.opera.com/computer/windows>

- Safari – version 5.1.10 for MAC's: <http://www.apple.com/safari/> and version 5.1.7 for windows systems: <http://support.apple.com/kb/dl1531>

I didn't list the sites for downloading for smartphones and tablets, as you'll do that through the APP STORE for your device.

You want to keep up to date as some websites won't work with older browsers.

People running Windows XP can't run an Internet Explorer version newer than 8. You CAN run new versions of Firefox and Chrome.

4. Most browsers are similar, with address bars, tabbed browsing, bookmarks etc. Most will allow you to import or export your information for access by another browser.

5. Tablets and smartphones also use browsers and several of them sync with their desktop versions.

The initial page that appears when you start your browser can be changed by you. I've been using iGoogle as my customizable home page for several years. It is no longer going to be updated, so I've looked at NetVibes, igHome and several others and have decided (for the moment) to use igHome <http://www.ighome.com/> I'll demonstrate the creation of an igHome startup page The igHome page exists in the "cloud", or out on the web, so it is accessible from any computer. Software that you load onto your computer, like Family Tree Maker or Rootsweb or your financial software, is available only on that computer. Some applications like Family Tree Maker can "sync" with a tree posted on ancestry.com, and both will show updates made to the "common" tree.

**Search engines:** A web search engine is a software system that is designed to search for information on the World Wide Web.

Some search engines are:

<http://www.google.com>

<http://www.yahoo.com>

<http://www.bing.com>

<http://www.duckduckgo.com>

<http://www.dogpile.com>

<http://www.mocavo.com>

There are MANY others. You can do a search and find listings of search engines – some search engines are specific, like mocavo, some use multiple search engines within their searches, like dogpile.



Family Genealogy and History Internet Education Directory:  
<http://www.academic-genealogy.com/index.htm>

Digitized Brooklyn City Directories:  
<http://www.bklynpubliclibrary.org/brooklyn-collection/digitized-brooklyn-city-directories>

Family Tree Maker blog: <http://ftmuser.blogspot.com/>

Compacting your genealogy database. PZ spoke about this in our September meeting:  
<http://www.idogenealogy.net/2013/01/26/2nd-step-compact-database/>

PZ sent this. Ancestry has acquired Find-A-Grave:  
<http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2013/09/30/ancestry-com-acquires-find-a-grave/>

PZ sent this article concerning FamilySearch and BillionGraves: <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/volunteer-efforts-big-difference-billiongravescom/>

Public records finder – don't click on the ads on the site:  
<http://publicrecords.searchsystems.net/>

Mississippi Archives to digitize newspapers:  
[http://blog.gulflive.com/mississippi-press-news/2013/09/mississippi\\_department\\_of\\_arch.html](http://blog.gulflive.com/mississippi-press-news/2013/09/mississippi_department_of_arch.html)

Read about Ireland: <http://www.askaboutireland.ie/>

Mocavo introduces Free Forever:  
[http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/2013/10/mocavo-introduces-free-forever.html](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2013/10/mocavo-introduces-free-forever.html)

Catalog of historical newspapers:  
<http://www.newspapercat.org/>

50 genealogy resources found on Facebook:  
<http://freepeoplesearch.org/blog/50-genealogy-resources-on-facebook.html>

Index of free Irish e-books:  
<http://freeirishebooks.blogspot.co.uk/2013/04/this-is-new-home-page-for-free-ebooks.html>

Sent this via email earlier in the month. There is an Andrew Jackson workshop October 26, 2013 in Nashville:  
<http://tslablog.blogspot.com/2013/10/state-library-and-archives-to-host.html>

New ancestry.com startup called YouWho:  
<http://genealogysstar.blogspot.com/2013/10/new-genealogy-startup-from-ancestrycom.html>

I really like Feedly.....

Joe Burns posted this one on NC War of 1812 Pay vouchers:  
<http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16062coll7>

FamilySearch & MyHeritage now collaborating:  
<http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20131014006192/en>

Joe Burns posted this on collections:  
[http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/using\\_collections.asp#guides](http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/using_collections.asp#guides)



Have a great Thanksgiving. See you  
December 7<sup>th</sup>.